



Office of Administrative Services  
Freedom of Information Act Office

August 18, 2016

Mr. Jeremy B. Merrill  
The New York Times  
620 8th Ave  
New York, NY 10018

Dear Mr. Merrill:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA- 2016-000936), submitted on July 5, 2016 in which you requested:

“[a]ny and all non-personal and non-privileged emails received by Kris Durmer that were sent by State Department employees between Jan 1 2009 and Jan 1 2013, including all technical header information contained within the email.”

Enclosed, please find 1613 pages of documents responsive to your request. In processing the initial FOIA request, GSA withheld the cell phone numbers, along with the email addresses and telephone numbers of private individuals in accordance with the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This was done because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Based on the above information, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal the partial denial of your request. To do so, you must write, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration  
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)  
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308  
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why you believe GSA should have the requested information. Enclose a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.”

U.S General Services Administration  
1800 F. Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20405  
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This completes our action on this request. Should you have any press-related questions, please contact Ashley Nash-Hahn, GSA Press Secretary, by email at [media@gsa.gov](mailto:media@gsa.gov). You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at [audrey.brooks@gsa.gov](mailto:audrey.brooks@gsa.gov) for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

*Travis Lewis*

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Enclosures